(c) Department of Women and Child Development is interacting with other Ministries in matters relating to women and child development schemes through Inter-Ministerial meetings.

(d) Implementation of different schemes are monitored and reviewed by the concerned Ministries from time to time to ensure better service delivery and benefits to the people.

Certification of degrees

†1815. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several students have applied for higher studies abroad; if so, the number of such applications received during the last two years;

(b) the number of applications received by the Scholarship Department of Government for the degree certification during the above period;

(c) the number of centres set up in New Delhi for certification of degrees in view of a large number of applications;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishing such institute in the capitals of various States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Students apply directly to the institutions abroad for higher studies. No details of such applications are maintained in the Ministry.

(b) Applications for authentication of educational qualifications, including degrees, received during the last two years are as follows:

2002	37,790
2003	75,748

(c) In New Delhi only one centre is functioning for the purpose.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) and (e) The Governments of 14 States from which large number of people are coming for authentication of certificates for going abroad have been authorised to nominate the officials of the State Education Departments to authenticate the educational qualifications.

Degree courses without approval of University Grants Commission

1816. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia have been running a number of Bachelor and Master Degree courses, without approval of the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the details of such courses; and

(c) whether UGC has failed to monitor the system of awarding degrees by the Universities and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Central Universities can confer such degrees as may be specified in this behalf by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The power to take action in the event of contravention of the said provision of the UGC Act vests in the UGC itself.

According to the information furnished by the UGC, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi University (DU) and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) have since been advised to change the nomenclature of the following degrees awarded by them, as the same have not been specified by the UGC: